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## EDUCATION

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**Stanford Law School**, *JD with Distinction* 2001

**Brown University**, *BA, magna cum laude, British and American Literature* 1996  
• Phi Beta Kappa; Ratcliffe Hicks Prize for highest standing in Language and Literature

## LEGAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Santa Clara University School of Law**, *Associate Professor* 2007-Present  
• Courses: Constitutional Law I, II; Immigration Law; Immigration Law & Policy (seminar)  
• Recipient: 2012 SCU Law School Public Interest & Social Justice Achievement Award

**Stanford Law School**, *Visiting Assistant Professor* Winter 2011  
• Course: Immigration Law

**New York University School of Law**, *Acting Assistant Professor* 2005-2007  
• Course: Lawyering

**Loyola University School of Law** (New Orleans, LA), *Visiting Assistant Professor* 2004-2005  
• Courses: Constitutional Law I, II

## OTHER LEGAL EXPERIENCE

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**O'Melveny & Myers LLP**, *Associate Attorney* (Century City, CA) 2003-2004  
• Represented clients in the areas of white collar criminal defense, contract disputes in the entertainment industry, trademark protection, and RICO actions

**Susman Godfrey LLP**, *Associate Attorney* (Los Angeles, CA) 2002-2003  
• Managed complex civil dockets for antitrust and class action matters

**The Honorable Jacques L. Wiener, Jr.**  
**United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit**, *Law Clerk* (New Orleans, LA) 2001-2002

**Asian Law Caucus**, *Extern* (San Francisco, CA) 2000-2001

**Covington & Burling** (Washington, DC); **Sullivan & Cromwell** (Los Angeles, CA) Summer 2000

**Professor Emily Buss**, **University of Chicago Law School**, *Research Assistant* Summer 1999

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE & CONSULTANCIES

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**World Children's Initiative**, *Founder & Director of Operations* ([www.wciprojects.org](http://www.wciprojects.org)) 2005-Present  
• Co-founded non-profit organization dedicated to improving healthcare and educational systems for children in developing areas  
• Secured seed funding from former U.S. Presidents Bush & Clinton  
• Built Children's Hospital in southern Sri Lanka (2005-2010)  
• Developed Children's Heart Institute in Kampala, Uganda (2010-present)

**Mural Music & Arts Project (MMAP)**, *Board of Directors* (East Palo Alto, CA) 2011-Present  
• Organization dedicated to empowering underprivileged Bay Area youth through the arts

**De La Salle Academy**, *Middle School Teacher* (New York, NY) 1996-1998

## SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS & CURRENT PROJECTS

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*The New Immigration Federalism* (CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS 2015) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Immigration Exceptionalism(s)*, (work in progress for submission Spring 2016) (with David S. Rubenstein)

*The President and Immigration Federalism*, 68 FLORIDA L. REV. – (forthcoming 2016) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Understanding Immigration Federalism in the United States* (March 2014) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan) (commissioned report for the Center for American Progress)

*Immigration Federalism: A Reappraisal*, 88 N.Y.U. L. REV. 2074 (2013) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Guns and Membership in the American Polity*, 21 WILLIAM & MARY BILL OF RIGHTS J. 619 (2012) (symposium)

*The Importance of the Political in Immigration Federalism*, 44 ARIZONA STATE L. J. 1431 (2012) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Restrictive State and Local Immigration Laws: Solutions in Search of Problems*, 6 ADVANCE 5 (November 2012) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan) (Issue Brief for the American Constitution Society for Law & Policy)

*Why a Wall?* 2 U.C. IRVINE L. REV. 147 (2012) (symposium)

*No Exception to the Rule: The Unconstitutionality of State Immigration Enforcement Laws*, 5 ADVANCE 37 (October 2011) (Issue Brief for the American Constitution Society for Law & Policy)

*“The People” of the Second Amendment: Citizenship & the Right to Bear Arms*, 85 N.Y.U. L. REV. 1521 (2010)

- Cited by: *Fletcher v. Haas*, 851 F.Supp.2d 287, 295 (D. Mass. 2012)  
*Pohlabel v. State*, 268 P.3d 1264, 1271 (Nev. 2012)  
Am. Jur. 2d §§ 26, 1877, 2309, 2714  
56 A.L.R. Fed. 2d 1, 131, 249; 65 A.L.R. Fed. 2d 249; 64 A.L.R. 6<sup>th</sup> 131
- Response: Eugene Volokh, *A Cautionary Note for Readers of “The People” of the Second Amendment*, N.Y.U. L. Rev. The Legal Workshop Online (Dec. 8, 2011)  
Reply: Pratheepan Gulasekaram, *A Cautionary Note to Readers of Professor Volokh’s “Cautionary Note,”* N.Y.U. L. Rev. The Legal Workshop Online (Dec. 8, 2011)

*Sanctuary Ordinances & Immigration Federalism: A Dialectical Analysis*, 55 WAYNE L. REV. 1683 (2009) (with Rose Cuison Villazor) (symposium)

- Cited by: *Villas at Parkside Partners v. Farmers Branch*, 726 F.3d 524, 561 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2013) (Higginson, J., specially concurring)

*Sub-National Immigration Regulation & the Pursuit of Cultural Cohesion*, 77 U. CINCINNATI L. REV. 1441 (2009)

*Aliens with Guns: Equal Protection, Federal Power, and the Second Amendment*, 92 IOWA L. REV. 891 (2007)

- Cited by: *Fletcher v. Haas*, 851 F.Supp.2d 287 (D. Mass. 2012)

*Protecting Unauthorized Use of Trademark in Expressive Works*, 80 WASHINGTON L. REV. 887 (2005)

- Winner: 2006 Ladas Memorial Award for Trademark Scholarship
- Cited by: McCarthy on Trademarks and Unfair Competition §§ 10:22, 31:144.50  
Callmann on Unfair Competition § 22:59

*Foundations of World Order* by Francis A. Boyle, 36 STANFORD J. INTL. L. 181 (2000) (book review)

## **POPULAR PUBLICATIONS, EDITORIALS, & OTHER LEGAL WRITING**

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*An Immigration Policy for the Next 50 Years*, THE HILL, Oct. 8, 2015 (explaining unintended consequences of 1965 Immigration Act, and the root causes of unauthorized migration) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Forget Border Walls and Mass Deportations: The Real Changes in Immigration are Happening in the States*, WASHINGTON POST (Monkey Cage Blog), Sept. 24, 2015 (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Immigration Federalism: Obama's Actions Likely to Spur States, Not Congress, to Act*, SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS, Dec. 6, 2014 (Op-Ed) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Obama's Deferred Action Program is No Overreach*, SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, Sept. 3, 2014 (Op-Ed) (explaining the authority and latitude of the President in immigration policy) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Close to Home: Sheriff Can Dig in Heels More*, SANTA ROSA PRESS DEMOCRAT, Feb. 17, 2014 (Op-Ed) (explaining legal latitude for counties and cities to resist federal immigration detainer requests)

*Can Obama Unilaterally Ban Deportations?* LOS ANGELES TIMES, Dec. 5, 2013 (Op-Ed) (evaluating the legal and political risks of executive action on deportations) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Driver's Licenses for Undocumented Immigrants: How the Obama Administration's Deferred Action Plan Paved the Way*, SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS, Oct. 12, 2013 (Op-Ed) (explaining the recent surge of state driver's license policies for undocumented immigrants) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Immigration Federalism Post-Arizona*, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY FOR LAW & POLICY, Aug. 8, 2013 (blog post) (analyzing federal court decisions after *U.S. v. Arizona*)

*Gay Marriage Advances Come at a Cost*, USA TODAY, July 1, 2013 (Op-Ed) (critiquing Supreme Court's marriage equality decisions)

*What Does it Mean to be American?*, USA TODAY, Apr. 23, 2013 (Op-Ed) (discussing intersection between gun control and immigration)

*Partisanship, Not Demography, Explains State Immigration Laws*, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY FOR LAW & POLICY, June 27, 2012 (blog post) (analyzing *U.S. v. Arizona* decision) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*The Anti-Immigrant Game*, LOS ANGELES TIMES, Apr. 24, 2012 (Op-Ed) (highlighting partisan influence over state and local immigration laws) (with S.K. Ramakrishnan)

*Why U.S. v. Arizona Won't End the Debate Over State and Local Immigration Regulation*, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY FOR LAW & POLICY, Apr. 27, 2012 (blog post) (discussing limits of judicial pronouncements to curb subfederal immigration laws)

*Constitutional Values and the California DREAM Act*, SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS, Sept. 14, 2011 (Op-Ed) (advocating for passage of state-level measures for undocumented students)

*A Victory for Immigrants?*, AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY FOR LAW & POLICY, Aug. 1 2010 (blog post) (discussing constitutionality of Arizona's SB 1070 legislation)

*Same-Sex Marriage on Trial: A Look Inside Prop 8 in Federal Court*, City Visions Radio, KALW (San Francisco Public Radio) (Feb. 2010)

*Legal Scholars Dissect S.F. Sanctuary Ordinance*, N.Y. TIMES, Bay Area Blog, Oct. 21, 2009 (analyzing constitutionality of sanctuary ordinances)

*The Immigration Debate: Coming Soon – A City ID?* SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE, Sept. 30, 2007 (Op-Ed) (arguing that municipal ID programs are constitutional and sound public policy)

*Protecting Products That Go Hollywood*, CALIFORNIA LAWYER, March 2004 (advocating strong first amendment protection for unauthorized trademark use in expressive works)

## REPRESENTATIVE PRESENTATIONS, CONFERENCES, & APPEARANCES

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Panelist, *Equality Gained, Equality Lost? The 1965 Immigration Act and its Aftermath*, American Constitution Society for Law & Policy, Economic Policy Institute, Washington D.C. (Oct. 2015) (featured on C-Span)

Book Talk, *The New Immigration Federalism*, UCLA International Institute, UCLA School of Sociology (Oct. 2015)

Book Talk, *States as Immigration Battlegrounds*, Yale University, Center for Study of Inequality (Sept. 2015)

Panelist, *Immigration Reform at 50*, University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform Symposium (Feb. 2015)

Panelist, *The President's Executive Action on Immigration*, American University Law Review Symposium (Jan. 2015)

Panelist, *The Obama Presidency & Federalism*, American Association of Law Schools Annual Meeting (Jan. 2015) (featured on C-Span)

Critic, *Author Meets Critics Session: "Immigration Outside the Law" by Hiroshi Motomura*, UCLA International Institute, UCLA School of Law (Oct. 2014)

Commenter, *Integration – Models of Community and Difference*, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Study, Stanford University (Sept. 2013)

Co-Organizer & Presenter, *Emerging Immigration Law Teachers Workshop*, U.C. Irvine School of Law (June 2013) and American University School of Law (June 2011)

Panelist, *Fresh Perspectives on the Future of Federalism*, American Constitution Society for Law & Policy, National Convention (June 2013)

Panelist, *The Constitutionality of State and Local Immigration Laws*, American Constitution Society for Law & Policy, State Bar of Georgia (Feb. 2012)

Panelist, *Immigration Enforcement Policy and Opinions*, Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), U.C. Davis School of Law (May 2011)

Panelist, *Persistent Puzzles in Immigration Law*, Symposium, U.C. Irvine School of Law (February 2011)

Panelist & Moderator, *Racialization of Immigration Law*, Post-Racial Civil Rights Law, Politics, and Legal Education, American Association of Law Schools Mid-Year Meeting (June 2010)

Presenter, *Immigrants & Guns*, Advanced Critical Race Theory Workshop, UCLA School of Law (Mar. 2010)